

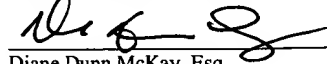


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005.